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SUBJECT: CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE RESPONSE TO UNGA HUMAN RIGHTS PRIORITIES

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¶1. Embassy Brazzaville is an unclassified post.

¶2. Charge met with Ambassador Giselle Ngondo, Ambassadeur Itinerant, special adviser to the Republic of Congo (RoC) Minister of Foreign Affairs Basile Ikouebe for the UNGA delegation. Charge emphasized the U.S. commitment to promote human rights and urged Ambassador Ngondo to make sure that RoC participates in the Third Committee session. Charge underlined the importance of finding a peaceful democratic solution to Zimbabwe's on-going democratic and human rights issues. While in agreement with the need to have a strong support for human rights, Ambassador Ngondo said she could not commit the RoC to participating in drafting or co-sponsoring a resolution.

¶3. Foreign Minister Ikouebe will be the highest-ranking member of the RoC delegation at the upcoming UNGA. Ambassador Ngondo and the Minister are scheduled to arrive in New York on September 16.

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